



**MUSIC FOR THE LITURGY**

**Sunday, January 14, 2024**

**Second Sunday In Ordinary Time**

Gathering: To Jesus Christ, Our Sovereign King BB 736

Responsorial Psalm (Psalm 27)

*The Lord is my light and my salvation; of whom should I be afraid; of whom should I be afraid.*

Preparation: Here I Am, Lord BB 389

Mass Parts Mass Of Creation

Communion: Eye Has Not Seen BB 475

Recessional: Sent Forth By God's Blessing BB 384



Out of respect for the Lord and in consideration of fellow parishioners, please remember to silence or turn off your cell phones during Mass. Thank you!

**PLEASE HELP US!**

As you leave church, kindly take your Bulletin with you - or return it to the basket at the entrance of the Church, return your music book and Mass card to their proper place, and pick up after yourself as you leave. Thanks for being attentive and respectful! F. Albert.



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**✠ PARISH TITHING ✠**

Our Parish needs to take in **\$9700.00** each week in order to make ends meet. This amount represents an adjusted budget offertory of \$8500.00 per week plus the combination of budgeted Property and Fuel second collections (\$4800.00 per month divided into 4 weeks or \$1200.00 weekly). Your weekly contribution helps ensure that the Parish remains a vibrant community. Please remember to submit your weekly gift even if you will be away. Consider signing up for electronic giving (see below). Especially in these trying times, your Parish depends on your responsible stewardship and support!

**December 31, 2023**

**Offertory \$5,351.90**

**January 1, 2024**

**Christmas Octave \$ 671.00**

**January 7, 2024**

**Offertory \$4,555.79**

**Property Management \$ 850.65**



Saint Luke the Evangelist Parish uses **Parish Giving** to provide parishioners with an opportunity to make your offertory and other contributions through Electronic Funds Transfer (EFT). Parish Giving is a simple, secure, and convenient way to manage your stewardship without weekly envelopes and without worries. This program is available to parishioners at no cost. Log on to the St. Luke the Evangelist Parish website at <http://stlukenh.org>, click on the Parish Giving logo, and follow the easy registration instructions.

**UPCOMING SECOND & SPECIAL COLLECTIONS**

January 14 No Second Collection  
 January 21 Fuel  
 January 28 No Second Collection

**Suggested Weekly Contribution Based on Income**

Annual Income	5% Commitment annually/ weekly	3% Commitment annually/ weekly
\$100,000	\$5,000/\$100	\$3,000/\$60
\$75,000	\$3,750/\$75	\$2,250/\$45
\$60,000	\$3,000/\$60	\$1,800/\$36
\$50,000	\$2,500/\$50	\$1,500/\$30
\$40,000	\$2,000/\$40	\$1,200/\$24
\$30,000	\$1,500/\$30	\$900/\$18
\$25,000	\$1,250/\$25	\$750/\$15
\$15,000	\$750/\$15	\$450/\$9

**Suggested Weekly Contribution Based on a Percentage Increase**

Your Current Offertory Contribution	25% Increase	30% Increase	40% Increase
\$75.00	\$93.75	\$97.50	\$105.00
\$50.00	\$62.50	\$65.00	\$70.00
\$40.00	\$50.00	\$52.00	\$56.00
\$35.00	\$43.75	\$45.50	\$49.00
\$30.00	\$37.50	\$39.00	\$42.00
\$25.00	\$31.25	\$32.50	\$35.00
\$20.00	\$25.00	\$26.00	\$28.00
\$15.00	\$18.75	\$19.50	\$21.00
\$10.00	\$12.50	\$13.00	\$14.00
\$5.00	\$6.25	\$6.50	\$7.00

**TAX TIME SUGGESTION**

Did you know? If you are 72 or older and need to take a “required minimum distribution (RMD)” from an IRA retirement account, a direct distribution to a qualified charitable organization, such as Saint Luke the Evangelist Parish, can save you money on your taxes. Such a donation will count toward your required minimum distribution but will be excluded from taxable income. Ask your tax preparer or IRA trustee for more details.

**FINANCIAL CONTRIBUTION STATEMENT**

If you would like an “end of year” financial statement of your contributions to the parish for 2023, **please call Jackie** at the Parish Office at 603-382-8324. **Financial Statements are issued on a request only basis.**

**PARISH OFFICE CLOSED**

In observance of the Dr. Martin Luther King holiday, the Parish Office will be closed on **Monday, January 15**. The Parish Office will reopen on Tuesday, January 16 at 8:30 AM.

**FOR OUR RECORDS**

We need your help to keep our records current. If there are any births, deaths, marriages, moves, or address changes in your family, please notify the Parish Office at 603-382-8324 or by email at [jtremblay@stluketheevangelist.net](mailto:jtremblay@stluketheevangelist.net). If you’re new to our parish, registration forms are available at the entrances of both churches. Registration forms can also be found on our website at <http://stlukenh.org>.

**MARRIAGE IN THE CHURCH**

**Did you know that all Catholics are required to be married in the Church as a condition of the validity of their marriage?**

Any Catholic married in a civil ceremony (JP) or in any religious ceremony other than a Catholic one (unless specifically excepted by the Bishop) is not living out the Sacrament of Marriage in its fullness according to the teaching of the Church. Contact Father Albert in the Parish Office for more information and assistance – there are ways in which your situation may be resolved!

**END OF LIFE PLANNING**

**Three Beliefs** is a document from the Diocese of Manchester that gives valuable assistance to Catholics and others on end-of-life issues. *Three Beliefs* explains Catholic teaching on life-sustaining treatment and care and includes the New Hampshire Advance Directive form modified in such a way to make it consistent with both Catholic teaching and New Hampshire law. *Three Beliefs* contains a helpful FAQ section and wallet cards that include important information for healthcare providers.

The New Hampshire Advance Directive form was revised by a law that is consistent with Catholic teaching and the changes to the New Hampshire form. If you completed an advance directive before 2021 and your intentions for your end-of-life care have not changed, you do not need to complete a new form as long as your advance directive was valid when it was executed. For example, if you completed the October 2007 version of *Three Beliefs* and signed the document before two witnesses or a notary public or justice of the peace, you do not need to complete a new advance directive form.

Copies of *Three Beliefs* are available at the church entrance. También están disponibles ediciones en Español.

**CREMATION?**

While burial or entombment of the body remains the preference and is encouraged by the Church, cremation may be chosen for sufficient reason. The Revised Code of Canon Law states: “*The Church earnestly recommends the pious custom of burial be retained but it does not forbid cremation, unless this is chosen for reasons which are contrary to Christian teaching.* (CIC, c. 1176.3)

Cremated remains are to be buried or inurned. They should not be buried on private land, but are to be buried in a cemetery or entombed in a mausoleum or columbarium. The practice of scattering cremated remains on the sea, from the air, or on the ground is not permitted. If burial takes place at sea, according to local custom, the cremated remains are to be kept intact in a solid and durable container and not scattered.

Keeping the cremated remains in a private home, funeral home, or any other place is not considered to be the reverent disposition that the Church requires. The integrity of the cremated remains is always to be respected.

**WHILE AWAY THIS WINTER...**

**We appreciate all of you who remember to send in your Parish Offertory during the Winter even when on vacation or visiting other parishes. Thank you for remembering that our expenses also continue through the Winter months. We invite others to consider doing the same before or even after you return home.**

✠ WEEKLY CALENDAR ✠

**Sunday, January 14**  
10:00 AM Religious Ed – Grades K to 6 *Plaistow*

**Monday, January 15**  
PARISH OFFICE CLOSED

**Tuesday, January 16**  
6:00 PM Grief Share Group *Plaistow*  
6:00 PM Finance Council Meeting *Plaistow*

**Wednesday, January 17**  
Holy Angels Church Open  
All Day For Prayer  
7:00 PM St. Vincent de Paul Society Meeting *Plaistow*

**Thursday, January 18**  
8:30 AM – 8:30 PM Eucharistic Adoration *Newton*

**Saturday, January 20**  
3:00 PM Sacrament of Reconciliation *Plaistow*

**Sunday, January 21**  
10:00 AM Religious Ed – Grades K to 6 *Plaistow*  
11:00 AM First Reconciliation Meeting for  
Parents and Students *Plaistow*

**PRAYER LINE**

St. Luke's offers a prayer line as a resource for those seeking prayer assistance. To submit your prayer request please call Cathy Smith at 603-382-8324, ext. 314 or email her at [csmith@stluketheevangelist.net](mailto:csmith@stluketheevangelist.net).



**HOLY ANGELS CEMETERY CLOSED**

Holy Angels Cemetery in Plaistow is closed from December 2023 until Spring 2024. This decision comes as result of the real dangers of snow and ice in the Cemetery and the costs to Parishioners to inter during the winter months. Please contact the Parish Office with any questions.

✠ MASS INTENTIONS ✠

**Saturday, January 13 ~ Second Sunday in Ordinary Time**  
*1 Sm 3:3b-10, 19; 1 Cor 6:13c-15a, 17-20; Jn 1:35-42 (Vigil)*

4:00 PM Patrick Foynes (1<sup>st</sup> Anniversary) by his family  
*Plaistow*

**Sunday, January 14 ~ Second Sunday in Ordinary Time**  
*1 Sm 3:3b-10, 19; 1 Cor 6:13c-15a, 17-20; Jn 1:35-42*

8:00 AM Vincent and Ruth Early  
by Dan and Kathy Sullivan  
*Newton*

10:00 AM Deceased Members of the Hudgens and Bedell  
Families by Charlie and Lisa Angwin  
*Plaistow*

**Monday, January 15 ~ Weekday**  
*1 Sm 15:16-23; Mk 2:18-22*

8:00 AM Barbara Metcalf by Bob Metcalf  
*Newton*

**Tuesday, January 16 ~ Weekday**  
*1 Sm 16:1-13; Mk 2:23-28*

8:00 AM All Souls Intentions  
*Plaistow*

**Wednesday, January 17 ~ Anthony, Abbot**  
*1 Sm 17:32-33, 37, 40-51; Mk 3:1-6*

6:30 PM Linda Poire by her husband  
*Plaistow*

**Thursday, January 18 ~ Weekday**  
*1 Sm 18:6-9, 19:1-7; Mk 3:7-12*

8:00 AM Cheryl Mendozza (Month's Mind)  
*Newton*

**Friday, January 19 ~ Weekday**  
*1 Sm 24: 3-21; Mk 3:13-19*

*No Mass*

**Saturday, January 20 ~ Fabian, Pope and Martyr:  
Sebastian, Martyr**

*2 Sm 1:1-4, 11-12, 19, 23-27; Mk 3:10-21 (Day)  
Jon 3:1-5, 10; 1 Cor 7:29-31; Mk 1:14-20 (Vigil)*

4:00 PM Pamela Jean McGinnity by Debra and John Graf  
*Plaistow*

**Sunday, January 21 ~ Third Sunday in Ordinary Time**  
*Jon 3:1-5, 10; 1 Cor 7:29-31; Mk 1:14-20*

8:00 AM Vincent and Ruth Early  
by Dan and Kathy Sullivan  
*Newton*

10:00 AM Bernie Gosselin by his family  
*Plaistow*



**WELCOME IN CHRIST!**

Saint Luke the Evangelist Parish invites all to a deeper love of Jesus and to a fullness of communion with the Church. The **rites of Christian Initiation for Adults (RCIA)** is a process where adults and older children are welcomed into the Catholic Church. Some have never been Baptized, others never received Eucharist or

Confirmation, and others arrive at our door after a long faith journey.

Do you know someone who is thinking about becoming part of our Catholic community? Are you the non-Catholic spouse of a parishioner who is wondering about full communion with the Church? Are you an adult Catholic who for whatever reason, “missed” one or more of the sacraments of initiation while growing up? Do you have children over 7 years of age who were never Baptized, or older children who “missed” sacraments?

The Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults (and its adapted form for children) welcomes all kinds of people into the Catholic family. The RCIA is for any adult who is: unbaptized and recognizes a need for spirituality in their life, or Baptized and raised in another Christian tradition but interested in learning about the Catholic faith, or Baptized in the Catholic faith, but never received any formal religious training.

Children of all ages are welcome and participate in age appropriate meetings for their RCIA experience.

Contact Father Albert or Cathy Smith in the Parish Office at 603.382.8324 for more information.

**THE COMPASSIONATE FRIENDS**

The Compassionate Friends provide support for bereaved families after the loss of a child, grandchild, or sibling—any age, any cause. Visit our website at [www.tcfnewburyport.org](http://www.tcfnewburyport.org).

**NEED MARRIAGE HELP?**

WE HAVE WEEKENDS COMING UP

**Feb 2-4, 2024**

**Alton Bay on Lake  
Winnepesaukee, NH**

**More Than Just a Retreat, We are  
a 3-Phase Marriage Help Program**

*Retrouvaille: A Lifeline For Married Couples*



**HelpOurMarriage.org**  
**508-271-7155**



**ADORERS NEEDED AT ADORATION**

We are truly blessed to have times for Adoration of Our Lord in our Parish. This time of prayer and intercession is not only a source of great grace for the individual but is a great source of grace for us as a parish family. We have many who have made the commitment to spend an hour each week with our Eucharistic Lord. Adoration takes place each Thursday in Newton from 8:30 AM to 8:30 PM. We also need people at all times so we can have 2 people at each hour. If you can commit to one hour a week in Adoration of our Lord, or if you can be a substitute, please contact Cathy Smith at 603-382-8324, ext. 305, or email her a [csmith@stluketheevangelist.net](mailto:csmith@stluketheevangelist.net).

**The Church in Plaistow is open all day on  
Wednesdays for people to stop by and pray  
before the presence of Jesus in the tabernacle.**

**NEED A SACRAMENT?**

There will be a meeting for all ages for anyone needing one or more of the Sacraments (Baptism, Confirmation, Eucharist). This meeting will include the parents of the children who will receive Confirmation/Eucharist this Spring. The meeting will be on **Sunday, February 4 after the 10:00 AM Mass**, downstairs in the church hall. Any questions? Call Cathy Smith at (603) 382-8324, Ext. 305 or email her at [csmith@stluketheevangelist.net](mailto:csmith@stluketheevangelist.net).

**✦ PARISH DIRECTORY ✦**

Parish Office 603-382-8324  
Parish Prayer Line 603-382-8324 x 314  
St. Vincent de Paul Society 603-382-8324 x 315  
St. Luke's Food Pantry 603-819-4949  
Preschool 603-382-9783  
Presentation of Mary Convent 603-382-2744

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**MONTHLY FOOD DRIVE**

**Sponsored by the Knights of Columbus  
St. Jude Council #6617**

The Knights of Columbus and Saint Luke the Evangelist Food Pantry would like to thank our parishioners for the ongoing support to feed those in need. Over the last two months, support has been provided to 135 families. That represents 118 children under the age of 18 and 111 adults over the age of 60, for a total of 370 individuals served. Shopping lists and bags are provided on the 3<sup>rd</sup> week of every month with the general collection of non-perishable items happening the following (4<sup>th</sup>) weekend. Food donations can also be left in the plastic totes at the rear of either church or brought to the Parish Office any time they are open. Prefer not to shop? Gift cards or checks can be made out to Saint Luke Food Pantry anytime. Your generosity and support are greatly appreciated!

**KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS  
HAPPENINGS**

The Knights have purchased two new large upright frost free freezers for the Food Pantry. They replace two old freezers that weren't frost free and not energy efficient. A few months back, the Knights and the St. Vincent de Paul Society purchased a similar freezer for the Food Pantry.

Website: [www.kofc6617.org](http://www.kofc6617.org)

For more information, contact Peter Richards at 603-382-4315 or [pmrjps6@comcast.net](mailto:pmrjps6@comcast.net).

**THE KNIGHTS OF  
COLUMBUS  
ST. JUDE COUNCIL  
#6617**



**ALCOHOLICS ANONYMOUS**

A Men's AA Step Meeting is held on Sunday mornings from 7:00 to 8:00 AM at the St. Luke the Evangelist Parish Hall (Holy Angels.) Masks are required. Bring your own coffee. For more information, call Joe at 617-921-9899.

**CURSILLO**

If you have a desire to know Jesus more closely, a Cursillo is for you. The Cursillo weekend is a short course in Christianity. The purpose of the weekend is to facilitate a meaningful personal encounter with Christ and his body, the Church. Cursillo weekends are being offered at the Sarto Center in Hookset, NH. To find out more, contact Mark Collopy at 603-833-7341 or explore [www.nhcursillo.org](http://www.nhcursillo.org).

**WINTER WEATHER CLOSINGS**

Saint Luke the Evangelist Parish Office, Holy Angels Cemetery Office, Saint Luke Food Pantry, and the Parish Liturgical schedule complies with the longstanding inclement weather policy of Saint Luke Religious Education Program and Holy Angels Pre-School-Kindergarten: **If the Timberlane and/or Sanborn regional school districts close because of inclement weather, ALL Parish Offices and Parish programs will be closed or suspended. All activities by any Parish or non-Parish groups will be cancelled for that day/evening on both campuses.** In the event of a weather related closing, the scheduled weekday Liturgy will not be held and the intention (if any) will be moved to a conveniently available date. **Sunday (or Saturday evening) liturgies can never be cancelled, but all are advised to use prudence when deciding to travel to Church during winter storms.**

**St. Vincent  
de Paul  
Society**



**Your "Dropped Dollar" Hard At Work**

Thank you for your continued support of the St. Vincent de Paul Society! Please know that your "dropped dollars" are being used wisely to help the poor in our area. Your generosity does not go unnoticed.

Drop-a-Dollar in the St. Vincent de Paul box on your way out of church. Remember ~ 100% of your donation is used to help those who need a hand up, not a handout.

Our next meeting on **Wednesday, January 17 at 7:00 PM.** We meet downstairs in the Church Hall in Plaistow. **New members are always welcome!**

If you seek assistance or need information about the St. Vincent de Paul Society, call 603-382-8324 x315.

**Hear, O LORD, and answer me  
for I am poor and needy.**

# Do Something for Lent. Renew your faith.

**Lent begins with Ash Wednesday, February 14, 2024!** This Lent, Saint Luke the Evangelist Parish invites all to renew their faith by participating in the Church's annual retreat time of prayer, fasting, and almsgiving.

This year we are pleased to, once again, utilize the “**Disciples on The Journey**” book for our text.

What is the Lenten Journey about?

**It is about prayer!** Today we begin with prayer as our 2024 Lenten Journey program gets underway. Begin to pray in an active way about the upcoming Lenten season. Ask for the Spirit's guidance as you consider your involvement; pray that our Parish's Lenten Journey through the desert be blessed.

**Consider a small group!** Groups meet during Lent to discuss the upcoming Lenten Sunday Readings, and to share member's experiences of discipleship. We will use a text that follows the Sunday Lenten readings published by the Office of Catechetical Ministry of the Diocese of Victoria, TX. Adults, Families and Youth will learn more about Scripture, participate in interesting discussions, meet some wonderful people, and have the opportunity to build up the Body of Christ.

**What else?** During Lent, special *Paschal Mission* inserts in the weekly bulletin will focus on the Lenten Scriptures and on discipleship in the real world. Sunday Homilies will touch on living Jesus' Gospel and on the questions discussed at Group meetings.



**Small Group sign-ups begin next weekend, January 21!  
Registration Forms will be in the bulletin.**

**Group Meetings begin the week of February 11.**



# Maybe ....

## it's time

### To re-connect with your Church

### To re-new yourself and others through the unique power of the Holy Spirit who guides us in Love and Truth.

If you are a baptized Catholic, have received your First Communion, but decided against Confirmation as a teen, maybe **NOW IS THE TIME** for you to re-consider **Confirmation**.

- ✓ Maybe you weren't ready when you were sixteen years old.
- ✓ Maybe you didn't want to be pressured into it by your family and peers.
- ✓ Maybe you weren't sure that Catholic is who you wanted to be.
- ✓ Maybe you were just beginning to doubt that what you were taught as a child -- about God, Jesus, the Holy Spirit, the Virgin Mary, the Eucharist, the saints, eternal life -- was all too good to be true.
- ✓ Maybe you were overwhelmed with school commitments, personal disappointments, and feeling that God really didn't care if you were Catholic anyway.

Sessions begin  
soon!

God *does* care about you. *For some reason*, God chose you to be born into a family that would bring you to the Catholic Church for Baptism.

So maybe -- just maybe -- now...it's time....to make your own choice.

# Confirmation.

If you are 18 or over and were never Confirmed, contact the Parish Office. With little time and reflection, practicing Catholics can be prepared to celebrate the gift of the Spirit in their lives.

**Maybe it's your time.**

Saint Luke the Evangelist Parish, Newton-Plaistow  
603 382 8324. [www.stlukenh.org](http://www.stlukenh.org)



## **Flower Donations Were Made In Loving Memory Or Honor Of:**

*Joseph, Nancy, and Paul Muroch  
Deceased Members of the  
Cotter Family*

*Lisa Bean*

*Richard and Adelaide Sullivan*

*Richard J. Sullivan*

*Deceased Members and Friends of  
the Sullivan and Kelly Families*

*Deceased Members of the*

*Sheehan and Hofbauer Families*

*Pat Zakiewicz*

*Jeanne Marcinkowski*

*Kathleen Ann McCarthy*

*Deceased Members of the*

*Gagnon Family*

*Deceased Members of the*

*Emerson Family*

*Deceased Members of the*

*Lanseigne Family*

*Deceased Members of the  
Charest Family*

*Deceased Members of the  
Miele Family*

*Consetta S. Brooks*

*Kevin A. Gallant*

*James A. Wentworth*

*Mary A. Wentworth*

*Margaret Gallant*

*Fred Gallant*

*Albert and Anna Mercelonis*

*Yvette, Louis, and Robert Caron*

*Norma and Edward Amshey*

*John D. Troy*

*Bob and Terry Collier*

*Nick and Joanne Halks*

*Roy J. Lajoie*

*My Precious Angel*

*Mr. & Mrs. Roland Chabot*



*Mr. & Mrs. Bernard Lajoie  
Fr. Albert  
Salvitore Polese  
Virginia Polese  
Mary Daly  
Victor Daly  
James and Stella Harb  
Deceased Members of the  
Gaudreau Family  
Deceased Members of the  
DeSimone Family  
Deceased Members of the  
Aloia Family  
Deceased Members of the  
Solari Family  
Mark Hammond  
Stephen Rembis  
Deceased Members of the  
Murphy Family  
Deceased Members of the  
King Family  
Deceased Members of the  
Lueders Family  
Samuel Raby  
Deceased Members of the  
Obert Families  
Deceased Members of the  
Ayers Families  
Lorraine Wojcik  
Estelle Congeme  
Anita Richard  
Diane Burke  
Suzanne O'Hanlon  
Phillip and Nancy Jackson  
Magdalena Intervalo  
Mateo Intervalo  
George Moulaison  
Victoria Kavalczyk  
Michael Stack, Sr.  
Edward Maliszweski  
Gus Gilberg  
Odile Richardson  
Doreen Daniels  
Joseph Daniels, Sr.  
Roy Lajoie*

*Deceased Members of the  
Richards Family  
Deceased Members of the  
Souza Family  
Joseph and Ann Manewicz  
Paul R. Antkowiak  
Paul G. Antkowiak  
Sophie Bengtson  
Stephen Antkowiak  
Peter and Ella Tomaselli  
Lionel J. LaFleur  
Louise R. LaFleur  
Lionel J. Lafleur, Jr.  
Helen Sielicki  
Charles Sielicki  
Gertrude Fortin  
Vincent & Anne Marie Zamierowski  
Mrs. Ruth Early  
Mr. & Mrs. Pierre Marceau  
Raymond Fournier  
Harold Lloyd  
Deceased Members of the  
Viles and Krajewski Families  
Gail Collins  
Suzanne Busch  
Barbara Metcalf  
Ada Osgood Filka  
Jesus, Mary, and Joseph  
Bob and Theresa Tremblay  
Jayne Lickteig-Ringuette  
Rick Field  
Mary Ferrandi  
Richard LaChance  
Deceased Members of the  
Muscianesi Family  
Deceased Members of the  
Marciano Family  
Tim Hercules  
Teresa  
Ernie Tate  
Victor and Albina Marchi  
Margaret and Leon Cote  
Regina and Jesse Cote  
Robert and Eleanora Davidson  
Paul D. Cote*

*Norman L. Cote  
Willy Bergeron  
Ma and Dad Bergeron  
Jim Tremblay  
Nickie Rau  
Vinny Berthiaume  
Royston and Margaret Preece  
Augustine and Lillian King  
Gerard and Monique Provost  
Simone Boulet  
Bill and June Goodwin  
Angelina and Wallace Antczak  
Joan and Doreen Burge  
Francis and Thomas Antczak  
Michael LeDuc  
Eileen and George Balger  
Ann T. Sullivan  
Susan Yvonne  
Mary and Walter Woznak  
Lillian and Theodore Karavedas  
Billy Witkum  
William Scully  
Deceased Members of the  
Belanger Family  
Roland Guilmette  
Mary Builmette  
Joyce Marroncelli  
Richard Matson  
Simme Matson  
Marie Lessard  
Alice Lessard  
Norman Lessard  
Mary Ahearn  
Karl and Mary Brotz  
John and Louise Szematowicz  
Elmer and Joan Brotz  
Jeanne Fullerton  
Paul Brotz  
Lillian Wagner  
Tina Poist  
William Poist  
Robert Girard  
Barbara Girard  
William Esposito  
Don and Marguerite Driscoll*

*Johnny and Robert Driscoll  
Emily Driscoll  
John and Millie Healey  
John Holleran  
Douglas Drew  
Agnes Massei  
Mr. & Mrs. John Murphy  
Patricia Dolan  
Jack Murphy  
Jane Lindberg  
Jerry King  
Adrienne King  
Dale Lamere  
Deceased Members of the  
Sorriento Family  
Deceased Members of the  
Harper Family*



## **Why don't you think about it too?**

**Parish Giving is a simple, secure and convenient way to manage your stewardship without weekly envelopes and without worries.**

- **Parish Giving allows you to select contribution amounts and special collections right from your own computer or smartphone**
- **You can be a good steward for the Parish even when you are away from the area on a weekend**
- **Parish Giving allows you to print out a report detailing your contributions for the year.**
- **Log on to the St. Luke the Evangelist Parish website <http://stlukenh.org>, click on the Parish Giving logo and follow the easy registration instructions.**

**Parish Giving**



# Bringing Home the Word

Second Sunday in Ordinary Time (B)

January 14, 2024

## You Called?

Sr. Dianne Bergant, CSA

Today we focus on our call from God. Both Samuel and Jesus' disciples were called. Unfortunately, not everyone realizes he or she has been called to be a disciple. Pope Francis insists that by virtue of baptism we are all missionary disciples. What does this mean? What does it ask of us?

Today's readings set the stage for our consideration of discipleship. They tell us several things. As with Samuel, the invitation from God can be unexpected, for it can occur in the very ordinary events of life. Perhaps, like Samuel, we don't hear the call because the event is so ordinary. Maybe we need someone to open our eyes to God's presence in

the ordinariness of life. But what do we expect a call from God to be? A thunderclap? A blinding light? Actually, when we realize we have been called by God, it is like a crash of thunder or a blinding light.

Intrigued by Jesus, the disciples wanted to hear more, and so they followed him. Frequently God speaks to us through the lives of other people. When we see goodness in them, we too want to be good, to do good. This might prompt us to share what we have, to comfort those who suffer, to forgive those who have offended us. We may not yet know how to do it, but such goodness can touch us deeply. Do we listen, like Samuel? Are we open, like the disciples? †

## A Word from Pope Francis

[There] are different ways of realizing God's design, the one he has for each of us that is always a design of love. God always calls. And the greatest joy for every believer is to respond to this call, offering one's entire being to the service of God and our brothers and sisters.

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## Sunday Readings

**1 Samuel 3:3b-10, 19**

So [Eli] said to Samuel, "Go to sleep, and if you are called, reply, 'Speak, LORD, for your servant is listening.'"

**1 Corinthians 6:13c-15a, 17-20**

Do you not know that your body is a temple of the holy Spirit within you?

**John 1:35-42**

[Jesus said,] "You are Simon the son of John; you will be called Cephas (which is translated Peter)."

*Maybe we need someone to open our eyes to God's presence in the ordinariness of life.*



## REFLECTION QUESTIONS



- In what ordinary events might you be missing God's voice?
- Are you open to God's call even if it invites you to leave what you know best?

# Seeking the Truth in the Digital Age

Michael Brehl, CSSR

God's most important communication with humanity is Jesus Christ. In and through him, the Holy Trinity is revealed—God's very self. This Word is living, active, and present among us.

The New Testament developed from the oral tradition of early Christian communities. Founded on the life and preaching of Jesus, the written Word was received by the community after years of listening. At that time, most people couldn't read or write. A few could conserve copies of the written word.

This changed dramatically with the development of the printing press. Ordinary people could then own books, including the Bible. Today information can be shared almost simultaneously.



Words now are on paper and computers, phones, and tablets. This new world of universal access has obvious advantages. But some material on the internet is

suspect, at best. Even so, some readers continue to think that if information has been published, it must be true.

When reading online, especially spiritual works, I suggest:

- Read with a critical eye. Let common sense and your own experiences guide whether you should check something.
- Talk with others about what you're reading. In community, the written word helps us discern the will of God.
- Does the content stir you to greater love, patience, and tolerance? Does it call you to personal conversion and change? Does it motivate actions on behalf of the abandoned and the poor? Does it judge others?
- Does it lead you to more profound relationships, or does it contribute to loneliness and isolation?

It's important to measure the content of our communication in the light of the gospel and the message of Jesus Christ. †

From "It Still Begins with the Word,"  
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## Wisdom from Catholic UPDATE

From "Beyond My Parish" by Richard W. Thompson

To some people the Catholic Church seems "small"—irrelevant to their concerns, unimportant in their lives, disconnected from the "real" world. Catholics can be very parochial. For many, their idea of the Catholic Church is their parish or the school they attended. With such a small idea of the Church, it's no wonder so many feel as if they "outgrow" the Church. Many of us don't experience just how literally the Church extends to the whole world. Certainly, the geographical expanse of the Church is impressive as on any given Sunday, Mass is celebrated in every language in nearly every city and village of every country on earth. But also consider the extent to which the Church has entered into deep reflection and dialogue with almost every area of human interest and endeavor: science, medicine, environment, artificial intelligence, space, world peace, and more. †

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*Creator God, open our minds  
to recognize your call and  
our hearts to embrace loving  
service to your people.*

*We pray in Jesus' name. Amen.*

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## WEEKDAY READINGS

January 15–20

**Monday, Weekday:**

1 Sm 15:16–23 / Mk 2:18–22

**Tuesday, Weekday:**

1 Sm 16:1–13 / Mk 2:23–28

**Wednesday, St. Anthony:**

1 Sm 17:32–33, 37, 40–51 / Mk 3:1–6

**Thursday, Weekday:**


1 Sm 18:6–9; 19:1–7 / Mk 3:7–12

**Friday, Weekday:**

1 Sm 24:3–21 / Mk 3:13–19

**Saturday, Weekday:** 2 Sm 1:1–4,

11–12, 19, 23–27 / Mk 3:20–21

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